

Arlington Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
December 19, 2013

Mr. White called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, Michelle Durocher and David White of the Commission. Nathaniel Stevens and Catherine Garnett of the Commission were not in attendance. Also present were Bruce Whittle, Paul McCarthy, Tracie Lenhardt and Gene Crouch.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Coleman/Tirone motioned to cosponsor a new **composting** class given by DPW and Sustainable Arlington; motion passed unanimously.

8pm **Enforcement** - Gold' s Gym

Ms. Beckwith reported on meeting with the property owner' s representatives, Jennifer Davidson and Landscape Architect Melissa McDonald, who informed Ms. Beckwith that that the plan they presented on 12/5 was not feasible and this version was withdrawn.

The board directed Ms. Beckwith to send a letter to the owner outlining the frustration on the part of the Commission and decided to elevate the matter to an Enforcement Order, with a copy to DEP, ordering the property owner to submit a plan for landscape restoration.

Naylor/Tirone motioned to issue an Enforcement Order; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm **Discussion** – Symmes

The sales trailer site, the bus stop at the vista park and parking were discussed.

8:30pm **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Determination** – Lot E Dothan Rd

The applicant requested that the substantive part of the hearing be continued while the board votes on which consultant to hire for the peer review.

Tirone/Connors motioned to select Tom Hughes at Hughes Environmental Consulting; motion passed three to one, with Mr. Naylor abstaining due to conflict of interest.

The hearing was continued to 1/02/2014.

8:45pm **Notice of Intent** – Rtes. 2, 3, and 16 intersection improvements

Coleman/Connors motioned to approve the project with the finding being drafted by the board, motion passed unanimously.

9pm **Notice of Intent** – Mystic River Oil spill and cleanup

Clean Harbors will next issue an RAO (Remediation Action Outcome) report and then the Commission will close the hearing. The hearing was continued to 2/27/14.

Commission Business, cont.

Mr. Wheltle reported that the property at **86 Coolidge** Rd will be up for a foreclosure auction on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He asked if the Commission should attend to warn potential bidders of the wetlands on the property. The Commission responded that it does not usually attend these auctions. It is usually up to the bidder's to perform due diligence and research potential liabilities and responsibilities on such properties.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator